

1           **SECTION 45.** 6.36 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,  
2 section 58b, is amended to read:

3           6.36 (2) (a) Except as provided in pars. ~~par.~~ (b) and (e), each registration list  
4 prepared for use as a poll list at a polling place or for purposes of canvassing absentee  
5 ballots at an election shall contain the full name and address of each registered  
6 elector; a blank column for the entry of the serial number of the electors when they  
7 vote; ~~if the list is prepared for use at an election for national office, an indication next~~  
8 ~~to the name of each elector for whom identification is required under par. (e) 2. or the~~  
9 poll list number used by the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers in  
10 canvassing absentee ballots; <sup>← PLAIN SEMI COLON</sup> and a form of certificate bearing the certification of the  
11 executive director of the board stating that the list is a true and complete registration  
12 list of the municipality or the ward or wards for which the list is prepared.

13           **SECTION 46.** 6.36 (2) (c) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 6.34 (1) (intro.)  
14 and amended to read:

15           6.34 (1) (intro.) In this ~~paragraph~~ section:

16           **SECTION 47.** 6.36 (2) (c) 1. a. and b. of the statutes are renumbered 6.34 (1) (a)  
17 and (b).

18           **SECTION 48.** 6.36 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 327,  
19 is repealed.

20           **SECTION 49.** 6.36 <sup>(5)</sup> (4) of the statutes is created to read:

21           6.36 <sup>(5)</sup> (4) After each general election, the board shall contact the chief election  
22 official in each state for which an elector indicated on the form completed under s.  
23 6.33 (1) that he or she holds a valid driver's license issued by that state for so long  
24 as the license remains valid. The board shall inquire whether the holder of the  
25 driver's license voted in that election in that state.

(6)

1        **SECTION 50.** 6.36 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

2        6.36 (5) The board shall establish by rule the fee for obtaining a copy of the  
3        official registration list, or a portion of the list. The amount of the fee shall be set,  
4        after consultation with county and municipal election officials, at an amount  
5        estimated to cover both the cost of reproduction and the cost of maintaining the list  
6        at the state and local level. The rules shall require that revenues from fees received  
7        be shared between the state and municipalities or their designees under s. 6.33 (5)  
8        (b), and shall specify a method for such allocation.

9        **SECTION 51.** 6.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10       6.50 (3) Upon receipt of reliable information that a registered elector has  
11       changed his or her residence to a location outside of the municipality, the municipal  
12       clerk or board of election commissioners shall notify the elector by mailing a notice  
13       by 1st class mail to the elector's registration address stating the source of the  
14       information. All municipal departments and agencies receiving information that a  
15       registered elector has changed his or her residence shall notify the clerk or board of  
16       election commissioners. If the elector no longer resides in the municipality or fails  
17       to apply for continuation of registration within 30 days of the date the notice is  
18       mailed, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall change the elector's  
19       registration from eligible to ineligible status. Upon receipt of reliable information  
20       that a registered elector has changed his or her residence within the municipality,  
21       the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall transfer the elector's  
22       registration and mail the elector a notice of the transfer under s. 6.40 (2). This  
23       subsection does not restrict the right of an elector to challenge any registration under  
24       s. 6.325, 6.48, 6.925 ~~or~~, 6.93, or 7.52 (5).

25       **SECTION 52.** 6.55 (2) (a) 1. (form) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           6.55 (2) (a) 1. (form)

2           “I, ..., hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector,  
3           having resided at .... for at least 10 days immediately preceding this election, and  
4           ~~that I am not disqualified on any ground from voting,~~ and I have not voted, at this  
5           election.”

6           **SECTION 53.** 6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the registration form under par. (a), the elector  
8           shall provide acceptable proof of residence under ~~sub. (7) s. 6.34~~. If the elector cannot  
9           provide acceptable proof of residence, the information contained in the registration  
10          form shall be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any elector who resides  
11          in the same municipality as the registering elector and that contains the current  
12          street address of the corroborating elector. The corroborator shall then provide  
13          acceptable proof of residence as provided in ~~sub. (7) s. 6.34~~. The signing by the elector  
14          executing the registration form and by any corroborator shall be in the presence of  
15          the special registration deputy or inspector who shall ensure that the form is  
16          completed in a legible manner and who shall then sign the form. Upon compliance  
17          with this procedure, the elector shall be permitted to cast his or her vote, if the elector  
18          complies with all other requirements for voting at the polling place. If the elector  
19          does not provide proof of residence and the elector's residence is not corroborated by  
20          another elector of the same <sup>municipality</sup> ward or election district where the elector resides, the  
21          inspectors shall offer the opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

22          **SECTION 54.** 6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

23          6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration at the polling place under pars.  
24          (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any  
25          municipality may by resolution require a person who qualifies as an elector and who

1 is not registered and desires to register on the day of an election to do so at another  
2 readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place serving the  
3 elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b),  
4 instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case, the  
5 municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the  
6 polling place. ~~The municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy at the~~  
7 ~~registration location shall require such person to execute~~ The elector who desires to  
8 register shall execute a registration form as prescribed under par. (a) and to provide  
9 acceptable proof of residence as provided under ~~sub. (7) s. 6.34~~. If the elector cannot  
10 provide acceptable proof of residence, the information contained in the registration  
11 form shall be corroborated in the manner provided in par. (b). The signing by the  
12 elector executing the registration form and by any corroborator shall be in the  
13 presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy. Upon  
14 ensuring that the form has been completed in a legible manner, the municipal clerk,  
15 the deputy clerk, or the special registration deputy shall sign the form. Upon proper  
16 completion of registration, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration  
17 deputy shall serially number the registration and give one copy to the elector for  
18 presentation at the polling place serving the elector's residence or an alternate  
19 polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b). If the elector does not provide proof of  
20 residence and the elector's residence is not corroborated by another elector of the  
21 same ~~ward or election district~~ <sup>municipality</sup> where the elector resides, the inspectors shall offer the  
22 opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

23 **SECTION 55.** 6.55 (2) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

24 6.55 (2) (cs) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared for  
25 use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person whose name

1 appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20) as  
2 ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located in the area  
3 served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll list for that  
4 polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote under this subsection  
5 or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the inspectors or special registration deputies shall review the list.  
6 If the name of an elector who wishes to register to vote appears on the list, the  
7 inspectors or special registration deputies shall inform the elector or the elector's  
8 agent that the elector is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector or the elector's  
9 agent maintains that the elector is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors or  
10 special registration deputies shall permit the elector to register but shall mark the  
11 elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote per Department of Corrections." If  
12 the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors shall require the elector to vote by ballot and  
13 shall challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

14 **SECTION 56.** 6.55 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 6.55 (3) (a) and amended to  
15 read:

16 6.55 (3) (a) Any qualified elector in the ward or election district where the  
17 elector desires to vote whose name does not appear on the registration list but who  
18 claims to be registered to vote in the election may request permission to vote at the  
19 polling place for that ward or election district. When the request is made, the  
20 inspector shall require the person to give his or her name and address. If the elector  
21 is not at the polling place which serves the ward or election district where the elector  
22 resides, the inspector shall provide the elector with directions to the correct polling  
23 place. If the elector is at the correct polling place, the elector shall ~~then execute the~~  
24 ~~following written statement: "I, ..., hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge,~~  
25 ~~I am a qualified elector, having resided at .... for at least 10 days immediately~~

1 preceding this election, and that I am not disqualified on any ground from voting, and  
2 I have not voted at this election and am properly registered to vote in this election.”  
3 The person shall be required to provide acceptable proof of residence as provided  
4 under sub. (7) and shall then be given the right to vote. If the elector cannot provide  
5 acceptable proof of residence, the statement shall be certified by the elector and shall  
6 be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any other elector who resides in the  
7 municipality and that contains the current street address of the corroborating  
8 elector. The corroborator shall then provide acceptable proof of residence as provided  
9 in sub. (7). Whenever the question of identity or residence cannot be satisfactorily  
10 resolved and the elector cannot be permitted to vote, an inspector shall telephone the  
11 office of the municipal clerk to reconcile the records at the polling place with those  
12 at the office complete registration as provided in sub. (2).

13 **SECTION 57.** 6.55 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

14 6.55 (3) (b) Prior to permitting an elector to vote under this subsection, the  
15 inspectors shall review the list provided by the board under sub. (2) (cs). If the name  
16 of the elector appears on the list, the inspectors shall inform the elector that he or  
17 she is ineligible to vote at the election. If the elector maintains that he or she is  
18 eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors shall permit the elector to vote, but shall  
19 require the elector to vote by ballot, and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s.  
20 6.79 (2) (dm).

21 **SECTION 58.** 6.55 (7) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 59.** 6.56 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.56 (1) The list containing the names of persons voting under ss. 6.29 and 6.55  
24 (2) and (3) shall be returned together with all forms and certificates to the municipal  
25 clerk.

1           **SECTION 60.** 6.56 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

2           **SECTION 61.** 6.56 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

3           6.56 (3) Upon receipt of the list under sub. (1), the municipal clerk ~~or~~, board of  
4           election commissioners, or elections board shall make an audit of all electors  
5           registering to vote at the polling place or other registration location under s. 6.55 (2)  
6           and all electors registering by agent on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2. The audit  
7           shall be made by 1st class postcard. The postcard shall be marked in accordance with  
8           postal regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the clerk ~~or~~, board of election  
9           commissioners, or elections board if the elector does not reside at the address given  
10          on the postcard. If any postcard is returned undelivered, or if the clerk ~~or~~, board of  
11          election commissioners, or elections board is informed of a different address than the  
12          one specified by the elector which was apparently improper on the day of the election,  
13          the clerk ~~or~~, board of election commissioners, or elections board shall change the  
14          status of the elector from eligible to ineligible on the registration list and mail the  
15          elector a notice of the change in status and provide the name to the district attorney  
16          for the county where the polling place is located.

17          **SECTION 62.** 6.56 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

18          6.56 (3m) As soon as possible after all information relating to registrations  
19          after the close of registration for an election is entered on the registration list  
20          following the election under s. 6.33 (5) (a), the board shall compare the list of new  
21          registrants whose names do not appear on the poll lists for the election because the  
22          names were added after the board certified the poll lists for use at the election with  
23          the list containing the names transmitted to the board by the department of  
24          corrections under s. 301.03 (20) as of election day. If the board finds that the name  
25          of any person whose name appears on the list transmitted under s. 301.03 (20) has

1     been added to the registration list, the board shall enter on the list the information  
2     transmitted to the board under s. 301.03 (20) and shall notify the district attorney  
3     that the person appears to have voted illegally at the election.

4           **SECTION 63.** 6.56 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           6.56 (5) Whenever any letter or postcard mailed under this section is returned  
6     undelivered, or whenever the U.S. postal service notifies the clerk of an improper  
7     address which was apparently improper on the day of the election or whenever it  
8     otherwise appears that a person has voted who is not qualified or has voted more  
9     than once in an election, and the person has been permitted to vote after  
10    corroboration was made under s. 6.55 (2) ~~or (3)~~ or 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the name of the  
11    corroborator shall also be provided to the district attorney.

12          **SECTION 64.** 6.79 (2) (d) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,  
13    is repealed.

14          **SECTION 65.** 6.79 (2) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

15          6.79 (2) (dm) If the poll list indicates that the elector is ineligible to vote because  
16    the elector's name appears on the current list provided by the department of  
17    corrections under s. 301.03 (20), the inspectors shall inform the elector of this fact.  
18    If the elector maintains that he or she is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors  
19    shall provide the elector with a ballot and, after the elector casts his or her vote, shall  
20    challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided  
21    in s. 6.95.

22          **SECTION 66.** 6.79 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

23          6.79 (4) **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION.** When any elector provides acceptable  
24    proof of residence under s. 6.15, 6.29 or 6.55 (2) ~~or (3)~~, the election officials shall enter  
25    the type of identifying document provided on the poll list, or separate list maintained



1 under sub. (2) (c). If the document submitted as proof of identity or residence  
2 includes a number which applies only to the individual holding that document, the  
3 election officials shall also enter that number on the list. When any elector  
4 corroborates the registration identity or residence of any person offering to vote  
5 under s. 6.55 (2) (b) or (c) ~~or (3)~~, or the registration identity or residence of any person  
6 registering on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the election officials shall also enter  
7 the name and address of the corroborator next to the name of the elector whose  
8 information is being corroborated on the poll list, or the separate list maintained  
9 under sub. (2) (c). When any person offering to vote has been challenged and taken  
10 the oath, following the person's name on the poll list, the officials shall enter the word  
11 "Sworn".

12 **SECTION 67.** 6.82 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.82 (1) (a) When any inspectors are informed that an elector is at the entrance  
14 to the polling place who as a result of disability is unable to enter the polling place,  
15 they shall permit the elector to be assisted in marking a ballot by any individual  
16 selected by the elector, except the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or  
17 an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector. The  
18 individual selected by the elector shall provide ~~identification~~ proof of residence under  
19 s. 6.34 for the assisted elector, whenever required, and all other information  
20 necessary for the elector to obtain a ballot under s. 6.79 (2). The inspectors shall issue  
21 a ballot to the individual selected by the elector and shall accompany the individual  
22 to the polling place entrance where the assistance is to be given. If the ballot is a  
23 paper ballot, the assisting individual shall fold the ballot after the ballot is marked  
24 by the assisting individual. The assisting individual shall then immediately take the  
25 ballot into the polling place and give the ballot to an inspector. The inspector shall

1 distinctly announce that he or she has “a ballot offered by .... (stating person’s name),  
2 an elector who, as a result of disability, is unable to enter the polling place without  
3 assistance”. The inspector shall then ask, “Does anyone object to the reception of this  
4 ballot?” If no objection is made, the inspectors shall record the elector’s name under  
5 s. 6.79 and deposit the ballot in the ballot box, and shall make a notation on the poll  
6 list: “Ballot received at poll entrance”.

7 **SECTION 68.** 6.855 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **6.855 Alternate absentee ballot site.** (1) The governing body of a  
9 municipality may elect to designate a site other than the office of the municipal clerk  
10 or board of election commissioners as the location from which electors of the  
11 municipality may request and vote absentee ballots and to which voted absentee  
12 ballots shall be returned by electors for any election. An election by a governing body  
13 to designate an alternate site under this section must be made no fewer than 14 days  
14 prior to the time that absentee ballots are available for the primary under s. 7.15 (1)  
15 (cm), if a primary is scheduled to be held, or at least 14 days prior to the time that  
16 absentee ballots are available for the election under s. 7.15 (1) (cm), if a primary is  
17 not scheduled to be held, and shall remain in effect until at least the day after the  
18 election. If the governing body of a municipality makes an election under this  
19 section, no function related to voting and return of absentee ballots that is to be  
20 conducted at the alternate site may be conducted in the office of the municipal clerk  
21 or board of election commissioners.

22 (2) The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall prominently  
23 display a notice of the designation of the alternate site selected under sub. (1) in the  
24 office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners during the time that

absentee ballots are available for the election and for any primary under s. 7.15 (1) (cm).

(3) An alternate site under sub. (1) shall be staffed by the municipal clerk or the executive director of the board of election commissioners, or employees of the clerk or the board of election commissioners.

(4) An alternate site under sub. (1) shall be accessible to all individuals with disabilities.

**SECTION 69.** 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) Any elector, ~~qualifying~~ who is registered to vote whenever required and who qualifies under ss. 6.20 and 6.85 as an absent elector, may make written application to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by one of the following methods:

**SECTION 70.** 6.86 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

6.86 (1) (a) 2. In person at the office of the municipal clerk or at an alternate site under s. 6.855, if applicable.

**SECTION 71.** 6.86 (1) (a) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

6.86 (1) (a) 6. By electronic mail or facsimile transmission as provided in par (ac).

**SECTION 72.** 6.86 (1) (ac) of the statutes is created to read:

6.86 (1) (ac) Any elector qualifying under par. (a) may make written application to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail. Any application under this paragraph shall contain a copy of the applicant's original signature. An elector requesting a ballot under this paragraph shall return with the voted ballot a copy of the request bearing an original signature of the elector as provided in s. 6.87 (4).

1           **SECTION 73.** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           6.86 (1) (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made ~~in writing~~  
3           by mail, the application, signed by the elector, shall be received no later than 5 p.m.  
4           on the ~~Friday 6th day~~ immediately preceding the election. If application is made in  
5           person, the application shall be made no later than 5 p.m. on the day preceding the  
6           election. ~~If the elector is making written application and the application indicates~~  
7           that the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is that the elector is a sequestered  
8           juror, the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the  
9           application is received after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election,  
10          the municipal clerk or the clerk's agent shall immediately take the ballot to the court  
11          in which the elector is serving as a juror and deposit it with the judge. The judge shall  
12          recess court, as soon as convenient, and give the elector the ballot. The judge shall  
13          then witness the voting procedure as provided in s. 6.87 and shall deliver the ballot  
14          to the clerk or agent of the clerk who shall deliver it to the polling place or, in  
15          municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal  
16          clerk as required in s. 6.88. If application is made under sub. (2), the application may  
17          be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday 7th day immediately preceding the  
18          election.

19           **SECTION 74.** 6.86 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

20           6.86 (1) (c) If an application is made by mail by a military elector, as defined  
21           in s. 6.22 (1) (b), the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday  
22           immediately preceding the election.

23           **SECTION 75.** 6.86 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

24           6.86 (3) (a) 2. If a hospitalized elector is not registered, the elector may register  
25           by agent under this subdivision at the same time that the elector applies for an

1 official ballot by agent under subd. 1. To register the elector under this subdivision,  
2 the agent shall present a completed registration form that contains the required  
3 information supplied by the elector and the elector's signature, unless the elector is  
4 unable to sign due to physical disability. In this case, the elector may authorize  
5 another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any elector signing a form on another  
6 elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the application is made on request  
7 and by authorization of the named elector, who is unable to sign the form due to  
8 physical disability. The agent shall present this statement along with all other  
9 information required under this subdivision. Except as otherwise provided in this  
10 subdivision, the agent shall in every case provide acceptable proof of the elector's  
11 residence under s. ~~6.55-(7)~~ 6.34. If the agent cannot present this proof, the  
12 registration form shall be signed and substantiated by another elector residing in the  
13 elector's municipality of residence, corroborating the information in the form. The  
14 form shall contain the full name and address of the corroborating elector. The agent  
15 shall then present acceptable proof of the corroborating elector's residence under s.  
16 ~~6.55-(7)~~ 6.34.

17 **SECTION 76.** 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form  
19 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier  
20 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.  
21 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by  
22 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by  
23 absentee ballot. ~~If identification is required, the~~ The municipal clerk shall so inform  
24 the agent that proof of residence is required and the elector shall enclose  
25 ~~identification~~ proof of residence in the envelope with the ballot. The ballot shall be

1 sealed by the elector and returned to the municipal clerk either by mail or by personal  
2 delivery of the agent; but if the ballot is returned on the day of the election, the agent  
3 shall make personal delivery at to the polling place serving the hospitalized elector's  
4 residence before the closing hour for the ballot to be counted or, in municipalities  
5 where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk no later  
6 than 8 p.m. on election day.

7 **SECTION 77.** 6.865 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.865 (1) In this section, “military elector” and “overseas elector” have the  
9 meanings given under s. ~~6.36 (2) (e)~~ 6.34 (1).

10 **SECTION 78.** 6.865 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.865 (3) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is ~~a~~  
12 ~~military elector or~~ an overseas elector and the elector requests that he or she be sent  
13 an absentee ballot for the next 2 general elections, the municipal clerk or board of  
14 election commissioners shall comply with the request except that no ballot shall be  
15 sent for a succeeding general election if the elector's name appeared on the  
16 registration list for a previous general election and no longer appears on the  
17 registration list for the succeeding general election. If the elector's address for the  
18 succeeding general election is in a municipality that is different from the  
19 municipality in which the elector resided for the first general election, the clerk or  
20 board of election commissioners shall forward the request to the clerk or board of  
21 election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides.

22 **SECTION 79.** 6.865 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

23 6.865 (3m) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is a  
24 military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1), the request shall be treated as provided  
25 under s. 6.22 (4).

**SECTION 80.** 6.87 (2) (form) of the statutes is amended to read:

**6.87 (2) (form)**

[STATE OF ....]

County of ....]

or

[(name of foreign country and city or other jurisdictional unit)]

I, ....., certify subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis. Stats., for false statements, that I am a resident of the [... ward of the] (town) (village) of ....., or of the .... aldermanic district in the city of ....., residing at ....\* in said city, the county of ....., state of Wisconsin, and am entitled to vote in the (ward) (election district) at the election to be held on ....; that I am not voting at any other location in this election; that I am unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place in the (ward) (election district) on election day or have changed my residence within the state from one ward or election district to another within 10 days before the election. I certify that I exhibited the enclosed ballot unmarked to the witness, that I then in (his) (her) presence and in the presence of no other person marked the ballot and enclosed and sealed the same in this envelope in such a manner that no one but myself and any person rendering assistance under s. 6.87 (5), Wis. Stats., if I requested assistance, could know how I voted.

Signed ....

Identification serial number, if any: ....

The witness shall execute the following:

I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis. Stats., for false statements, certify that I am an adult U.S. citizen and that the above statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as there stated. I am not

1 a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent  
2 municipal clerk). I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any  
3 candidate or measure.

4 ....(Name)

5 ....(Address)\*\*

6 \* — An elector who provides an identification serial number issued under s.  
7 6.47 (3), Wis. Stats., need not provide a street address.

8 \*\* — If this form is executed before 2 special voting deputies under s. 6.875 (6),  
9 Wis. Stats., both deputies shall witness and sign.

10 **SECTION 81.** 6.87 (3) (a), (b) and (d) of the statutes are amended to read:

11 6.87 (3) (a) Except as authorized under par. (d) and as otherwise provided in  
12 s. 6.875, the municipal clerk shall mail the absentee ballot ~~postage prepaid for return~~  
13 ~~to the elector's~~ temporary or permanent residence ~~unless otherwise of the elector, as~~  
14 ~~directed by the elector,~~ or shall deliver it to the elector personally at the clerk's office  
15 or at an alternate site under s. 6.855. If the ballot is mailed, the elector shall provide  
16 return postage unless the ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under federal  
17 free postage laws. If the ballot is delivered to the elector at the clerk's office, or an  
18 alternate site under s. 6.855, the ballot shall be voted at the office or alternate site  
19 and may not be removed therefrom. ← PLAIN PERIOD

20 (b) ~~No elector may direct that a ballot be sent to the address of a candidate,~~  
21 ~~political party or other registrant under s. 11.05 unless the elector permanently or~~  
22 ~~temporarily resides at that address.~~ Upon receipt of reliable information that an  
23 address given by an elector is not eligible to receive ballots under this paragraph  
24 subsection, the municipal clerk shall refrain from sending mailing or transmitting  
25 ballots to that address. Whenever possible, the municipal clerk shall notify an



1 elector if his or her ballot cannot be mailed or transmitted to the address directed by  
2 the elector.

3 (d) A municipal clerk ~~of a municipality~~ may, if the clerk is reliably informed by  
4 an absent elector of a facsimile transmission number located at the permanent or  
5 temporary address of the elector or electronic mail address where the elector can  
6 receive an absentee ballot, transmit a facsimile or electronic copy of the absent  
7 elector's ballot to that elector in lieu of mailing under this subsection if, in the  
8 judgment of the clerk, the time required to send the ballot through the mail may not  
9 be sufficient to enable return of the ballot by the time provided under sub. (6). An  
10 elector may receive an absentee ballot under this subsection only if the elector has  
11 filed a valid application for the ballot under ~~sub. s. 6.86~~ (1). If the clerk transmits  
12 an absentee ballot under this paragraph, the clerk shall also transmit a facsimile or  
13 electronic copy of the text of the material that appears on the certificate envelope  
14 prescribed in sub. (2), together with instructions prescribed by the board. The  
15 instructions shall require the absent elector to make and subscribe to the  
16 certification as required under sub. (4) and to enclose the absentee ballot in a  
17 separate envelope contained within a larger envelope, that shall include the  
18 completed certificate. The elector shall then affix sufficient postage unless the  
19 absentee ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under federal free postage laws  
20 and shall mail the absentee ballot ~~with postage prepaid~~ to the municipal clerk.  
21 ~~Except as authorized in s. 6.97 (2), an~~ An absentee ballot received under this  
22 paragraph shall not be counted unless it is cast in the manner prescribed in this  
23 paragraph and in accordance with the instructions provided by the board.

24 **SECTION 82.** 6.87 (3) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

1           **SECTION 83.** 6.87 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265, is  
2 amended to read:

3           6.87 (4) Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting absentee  
4 shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an adult U.S.  
5 citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the ballot in  
6 a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector shall then,  
7 still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and so that the  
8 elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper envelope. If  
9 a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the ballot so that  
10 the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the proper  
11 envelope. If the elector has not registered by mail and has not, or is not certain  
12 ~~whether the elector has, previously voted in an election for national office in this~~  
13 ~~state in person in the office of the municipal clerk or at another registration location~~  
14 ~~authorized under s. 6.28 (1), the elector shall enclose identification proof of residence~~  
15 ~~under s. 6.34 in the envelope. Identification Proof of residence is required if the~~ 6.34(1)  
16 elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector, as defined in s. ~~6.36 (2) (c)~~, and  
17 the elector ~~registered by mail~~ has not registered in person in the office of the  
18 municipal clerk or at another location authorized under s. 6.28 (1) and has not voted  
19 in an election for national office in this state. If the elector requested a ballot by  
20 means of facsimile transmission or electronic mail under s. 6.86 (1) (ac), the elector  
21 shall enclose in the envelope a copy of the request which bears an original signature  
22 of the elector. The elector may receive assistance under sub. (5). The return envelope  
23 shall then be sealed. The witness may not be a candidate. The envelope shall be  
24 mailed by the elector, ~~postage prepaid~~, or delivered in person, to the municipal clerk  
25 issuing the ballot or ballots. The elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the

1 ballot qualifies for delivery free of postage under federal law. Failure to return an  
2 unused ballot in a primary does not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes  
3 are cast. Return of more than one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot  
4 prepared under s. 5.655 or a ballot used with an electronic voting system in a primary  
5 which is marked for candidates of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by  
6 the elector for candidates in the primary.

7 **SECTION 84.** 6.87 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.87 (6) The Except as provided in s. 6.22 (5m), the ballot shall be returned so  
9 it is received by the municipal clerk in time for delivery no later than 8 p.m. on  
10 election day. Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under  
11 s. 7.52, if the municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the clerk  
12 shall secure the ballot and cause the ballot to be delivered to the polls polling place  
13 serving the elector's residence before the closing hour. Any Except as provided in s.  
14 6.22 (5m), any ballot not mailed or delivered as provided in this subsection may not  
15 be counted.

16 **SECTION 85.** 6.875 (4) and (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

17 6.875 (4) For the purpose of absentee voting in nursing homes and qualified  
18 retirement homes and qualified community-based residential facilities, the  
19 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of each municipality in which one  
20 or more nursing homes or qualified retirement homes or qualified community-based  
21 residential facilities are located shall appoint at least 2 special voting deputies for  
22 the municipality. Upon application under s. 6.86 (1) or (2) by one or more qualified  
23 electors who are occupants of such a nursing home or qualified retirement home or  
24 qualified community-based residential facility, the clerk or board of election  
25 commissioners shall dispatch 2 special voting deputies to visit the home or qualified

1 community-based residential facility for the purpose of supervising absentee voting  
2 procedure by occupants of the home or qualified community-based residential  
3 facility. The clerk shall maintain a list, available to the public upon request, of each  
4 nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified community-based  
5 residential facility where an elector has requested an absentee ballot. The list shall  
6 include the date and time the deputies intend to visit each home or facility. The 2  
7 deputies designated to visit each nursing home or qualified retirement home and  
8 qualified community-based residential facility shall be affiliated with different  
9 political parties whenever deputies representing different parties are available.  
10 Nominations for deputy positions may be submitted by the 2 recognized political  
11 parties whose candidates for governor or president received the greatest numbers of  
12 votes in the municipality at the most recent general election. The deputies shall be  
13 specially appointed to carry out duties under this section for the period specified in  
14 s. 7.30 (6) (a). The clerk or board of election commissioners may revoke an  
15 appointment at any time. No individual who is employed or retained, or within the  
16 2 years preceding appointment has been employed or retained at a nursing home or  
17 qualified retirement home or qualified community-based residential facility in the  
18 municipality, or any member of the immediate family of such an individual as defined  
19 in s. 19.42 (7), may be appointed to serve as a deputy.

20 (6) Special voting deputies in each municipality shall, not later than 5 p.m. on  
21 the Friday preceding an election, arrange one or more convenient times with the  
22 administrator of each nursing home, qualified retirement home, and qualified  
23 community-based residential facility in the municipality from which one or more  
24 occupants have filed an application under s. 6.86 to conduct absentee voting for the  
25 election. The time may be no earlier than the 4th Monday preceding the election and

1 no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the election. Upon request of a relative  
2 of an occupant of a nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified  
3 community-based residential facility, the administrator may notify the relative of  
4 the time or times at which special voting deputies will conduct absentee voting at the  
5 home or facility, and permit the relative to be present in the room where the voting  
6 is conducted. The municipal clerk shall post a notice at the home or facility  
7 indicating the date and time that absentee voting will take place at that home or  
8 facility. The notice shall be posted as soon as practicable after arranging the visit but  
9 in no case less than 24 hours before the visit. At the designated time, 2 deputies  
10 appointed under sub. (4) shall visit the home or facility. The municipal clerk or  
11 executive director of the board of election commissioners shall issue a supply of  
12 absentee ballots to the deputies sufficient to provide for the number of valid  
13 applications received by the clerk, and a reasonable additional number of ballots.  
14 The deputies may exercise the authority granted to the chief inspector under s. 7.41  
15 to regulate the conduct of observers for purposes of the application of s. 7.41, the  
16 home or facility shall be treated as a polling place. The municipal clerk or executive  
17 director shall keep a careful record of all ballots issued to the deputies and shall  
18 require the deputies to return every ballot issued to them. The deputies shall  
19 personally offer each elector who has filed a proper application the opportunity to  
20 cast his or her absentee ballot. If an elector is present who has not filed a proper  
21 application, the 2 deputies may accept an application from the elector and shall issue  
22 a ballot to the elector if the elector is qualified and the application is proper. The  
23 deputies shall each witness the certification and may, upon request of the elector,  
24 assist the elector in marking the elector's ballot. Upon request of the elector, a  
25 relative of the elector who is present in the room may assist the elector in marking

1 the elector's ballot. All voting shall be conducted in the presence of the deputies. No  
2 individual other than a deputy may witness the certification and no individual other  
3 than a deputy or relative of an elector may render voting assistance to the elector.  
4 Upon completion of the voting, the deputies shall promptly deliver, either personally  
5 or by 1st class mail, any absentee ballot applications and the sealed certificate  
6 envelope containing each ballot to the clerk or board of election commissioners of the  
7 municipality in which the elector casting the ballot resides, within such time as will  
8 permit delivery to the polling place serving the elector's residence on election day.  
9 Personal delivery may be made by the deputies no later than noon on election day.  
10 If a qualified elector is not able to cast his or her ballot on 2 separate visits by the  
11 deputies to the home or facility, they shall so inform the municipal clerk or executive  
12 director of the board of election commissioners, who may then send the ballot to the  
13 elector no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election.

14 **SECTION 86.** 6.875 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

15 6.875 (7) One observer from each of the 2 recognized political parties whose  
16 candidate for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the  
17 municipality at the most recent general election may accompany the deputies to each  
18 facility where absentee voting will take place under this section. The observers may  
19 observe the process of absentee ballot distribution in the common areas of the facility.  
20 Each party wishing to have an observer present shall submit the name of the  
21 observer to the clerk or board of election commissioners no later than the close of  
22 business on the last business day prior to the visit.

23 **SECTION 87.** 6.87 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.87 (9) If a municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot with an improperly  
25 completed certificate or with no certificate, the clerk may return the ballot to the

1 elector, inside the sealed envelope when an envelope is received, together with a new  
2 envelope if necessary, whenever time permits the elector to correct the defect and  
3 return the ballot within the period ~~prescribed in~~ authorized under sub. (6).

4 **SECTION 88.** 6.88 (1) to (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

5 6.88 (1) When an absentee ballot arrives at the office of the municipal clerk,  
6 or at an alternate site under s. 6.855, if applicable, the clerk shall enclose it,  
7 unopened, in a carrier envelope which shall be securely sealed and endorsed with the  
8 name and official title of the clerk, and the words "This envelope contains the ballot  
9 of an absent elector and must be opened in the same room where votes are being cast  
10 at the polls during polling hours on election day or, in municipalities where absentee  
11 ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, stats., at a meeting of the municipal board of  
12 absentee ballot canvassers under s. 7.52, stats.". If the ballot was received by the  
13 elector by facsimile transmission or electronic mail and is accompanied by a separate  
14 certificate, the clerk shall enclose the ballot in a certificate envelope and securely  
15 append the completed certificate to the outside of the envelope before enclosing the  
16 ballot in the carrier envelope. The clerk shall keep the ballot in the clerk's office or  
17 at the alternate site, if applicable until delivered, as required in sub. (2).

18 (2) When an absentee ballot is received by the municipal clerk prior to the  
19 delivery of the official ballots to the election officials of the ward in which the elector  
20 resides or, where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal board  
21 of absentee ballot canvassers, the municipal clerk shall seal the ballot envelope in  
22 the carrier envelope as provided under sub. (1), and shall enclose the envelope in a  
23 package and deliver the package to the election inspectors of the proper ward or  
24 election district or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s.  
25 7.52, to the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers when it convenes under

1 s. 7.52 (1). When the official ballots for the ward or election district have been  
2 delivered to the election officials inspectors before the receipt of an absentee ballot,  
3 the clerk shall immediately enclose the envelope containing the absentee ballot in  
4 a carrier envelope as provided under sub. (1) and deliver it in person to the proper  
5 election officials.

6 (3) (a) Any Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed  
7 under s. 7.52, at any time between the opening and closing of the polls on election day,  
8 the inspectors shall, in the same room where votes are being cast, in such a manner  
9 that members of the public can hear and see the procedures, open the carrier  
10 envelope only, and announce the name of the absent elector or the identification  
11 serial number of the absent elector if the elector has a confidential listing under s.  
12 6.47 (2). When the inspectors find that the certification has been properly executed,  
13 the applicant is a qualified elector of the ward or election district, and the applicant  
14 has not voted in the election, they shall enter an indication on the poll list next to the  
15 applicant's name indicating an absentee ballot is cast by the elector. They shall then  
16 open the envelope containing the ballot in a manner so as not to deface or destroy the  
17 certification thereon. The inspectors shall take out the ballot without unfolding it  
18 or permitting it to be unfolded or examined. Unless the ballot is cast under s. 6.95,  
19 the inspectors shall verify that the ballot has been endorsed by the issuing clerk. If  
20 ~~the poll list indicates that identification is required and no identification is enclosed~~  
21 ~~or the name or address on the document that is provided is not the same as the name~~  
22 ~~and address shown on the poll list, the inspectors shall proceed as provided under~~  
23 ~~s. 6.97 (2).~~ The inspectors shall then deposit the ballot into the proper ballot box and  
24 enter the absent elector's name or voting number after his or her name on the poll  
25 list in the same manner as if the elector had been present and voted in person.



(b) When the inspectors find that a certification is insufficient, that the applicant is not a qualified elector in the ward or election district, that the ballot envelope is open or has been opened and resealed, that the ballot envelope contains more than one ballot of any one kind or, except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, that the certificate of an elector who received an absentee ballot by facsimile transmission or electronic mail is missing, or if proof is submitted to the inspectors that an elector voting an absentee ballot has since died, the inspectors shall not count the ballot. The inspectors shall endorse every ballot not counted on the back, “rejected (giving the reason)”. The inspectors shall reinsert each rejected ballot into the certificate envelope in which it was delivered and enclose the certificate envelopes and ballots, and securely seal the ballots and envelopes in an envelope marked for rejected absentee ballots. The inspectors shall endorse the envelope, “rejected ballots” with a statement of the ward or election district and date of the election, signed by the chief inspector and one of the inspectors representing each of the 2 major political parties and returned to the municipal clerk in the same manner as official ballots voted at the election.

**SECTION 89.** 6.88 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

6.88 (3) (c) The inspectors shall review each certificate envelope to determine whether any absentee ballot is cast by an elector whose name appears on the poll list as ineligible to vote at the election by reason of a felony conviction. If the inspectors receive an absentee ballot that has been cast by an elector whose name appears on the poll list as ineligible for that reason, the inspectors shall challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided in s. 6.95.

**SECTION 90.** 6.93 of the statutes is amended to read:

1           **6.93 Challenging the absent elector.** The vote of any absent elector may be  
2 challenged for cause and the inspectors of election shall have all the power and  
3 authority given them to hear and determine the legality of the ballot the same as if  
4 the ballot had been voted in person. In municipalities where absentee ballots are  
5 canvassed under s. 7.52, the vote of an absentee elector may be challenged as  
6 provided in s. 7.52 (5).

7           **SECTION 91.** 6.935 of the statutes is amended to read:

8           **6.935 Challenge based on incompetency.** Section 6.03 (3) applies to any  
9 challenge of a person's right to vote under s. 6.92, 6.925 ~~or~~, 6.93, or 7.52 (5) based on  
10 an allegation that an elector is incapable of understanding the objective of the  
11 elective process and thereby ineligible to vote.

12           **SECTION 92.** 6.97 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           6.97 (1) Whenever any individual who is required to provide identification  
14 proof of residence under s. 6.34 in order to be permitted to register to vote appears  
15 to register to vote at a polling place and cannot provide the required identification  
16 proof of residence ~~/ or the individual has not provided proof of residence as provided~~  
17 in s. 6.88 (3) (a) or 7.52 (3) (a), the inspectors shall offer the opportunity for the  
18 individual to vote under this section. If the individual wishes to vote, the inspectors  
19 shall provide the elector with an envelope marked "Ballot under s. 6.97, stats." on  
20 which the serial number of the elector is entered and shall require the individual to  
21 execute on the envelope a written affirmation stating that the individual is a  
22 qualified elector of the ward or election district where he or she offers to vote and is  
23 eligible to vote in the election. The inspectors shall, before giving the elector a ballot,  
24 write on the back of the ballot the serial number of the individual corresponding to  
25 the number kept at the election on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79

1 and the notation “s. 6.97”. If voting machines are used in the municipality where the  
2 individual is voting, the individual’s vote may be received only upon an absentee  
3 ballot furnished by the municipal clerk which shall have the corresponding number  
4 from the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation “s. 6.97”  
5 written on the back of the ballot by the inspectors before the ballot is given to the  
6 elector. When receiving the individual’s ballot, the inspectors shall provide the  
7 individual with written voting information prescribed by the board under s. 7.08 (8).  
8 The inspectors shall indicate on the list the fact that the individual is required to  
9 provide ~~identification~~ proof of residence for registration but did not do so. The  
10 inspectors shall notify the individual that he or she may provide ~~identification~~ proof  
11 of residence to the municipal clerk or executive director of the municipal board of  
12 election commissioners. The inspectors shall also promptly notify the municipal  
13 clerk or executive director of the name, address, and serial number of the individual.  
14 The inspectors shall then place the ballot inside the envelope and place the envelope  
15 in a separate carrier envelope.

16 SECTION 93. 6.97 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

17 SECTION 94. 7.03 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 7.03 (1) (a) Except as authorized under this paragraph, a reasonable daily  
19 compensation shall be paid to each inspector, voting machine custodian, automatic  
20 tabulating equipment technician, member of a board of canvassers, messenger, and  
21 tabulator who is employed and performing duties under chs. 5 to 12. Daily  
22 compensation shall also be provided to ~~officials~~ inspectors and inspector trainees for  
23 attendance at training programs conducted by the board and municipal clerks under s.  
24 7.31. Alternatively, such election officials and trainees may be paid by the hour at  
25 a proportionate rate for each hour actually worked. Any election official or trainee

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1 may choose to volunteer his or her services by filing with the municipal clerk of the  
2 municipality in which he or she serves a written declination to accept compensation.  
3 The volunteer status of the election official or trainee remains effective until the  
4 official or trainee files a written revocation with the municipal clerk.

5 **SECTION 95.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4), 6.33 (1),  
7 6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (a) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2) ~~and (3)~~, and 6.86 (2) and (3). All such forms  
8 shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration  
9 or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the  
10 board.

11 **SECTION 96.** 7.08 (8) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 7.08 (8) (title) ELECTORS VOTING WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION PROOF OF RESIDENCE OR  
13 PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER.

14 **SECTION 97.** 7.10 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

15 7.10 (1) (d) The county clerk may receive and store any unused ballots after an  
16 election upon request of any municipal clerk of a municipality within the county, and  
17 may destroy such ballots pursuant to s. 7.23 (1) (am).

18 **SECTION 98.** 7.10 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 7.10 (9) TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Each county clerk shall assist the  
20 board in the training of election officials under ~~ss. s. 5.05 (7) and 7.31.~~

21 **SECTION 99.** 7.15 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 7.15 (1) (e) ~~In coordination with the board, instruct~~ Train election officials in  
23 their duties, calling them together whenever advisable, advise them of changes in  
24 laws, rules and procedures affecting the performance of their duties, and administer  
25 examinations as authorized under s. 7.30 (2) (c). The training shall conform with the

1 requirements prescribed in rules promulgated by the board under ss. 7.31 and 7.315.

2 The clerk shall assure that officials who serve at polling places where an electronic  
3 voting system is used are familiar with the system and competent to instruct electors  
4 in its proper use. The clerk shall inspect systematically and thoroughly the conduct  
5 of elections in the municipality so that elections are honestly, efficiently and  
6 uniformly conducted.

7 **SECTION 100.** 7.15 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

8 7.15 (1m) ATTEND TRAINING. Each municipal clerk shall, at least once every <sup>2</sup>two  
9 years, attend training sponsored by the board under ss. 7.31 and 7.315.

10 **SECTION 101.** 7.15 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

11 7.15 (2m) OPERATION OF ALTERNATE ABSENTEE BALLOT SITE. In a municipality in  
12 which the governing body has elected to establish an alternate absentee ballot site  
13 under s. 6.855, the municipal clerk shall operate such site as though it were his or  
14 her office for absentee ballot purposes and shall ensure that such site is adequately  
15 staffed.

16 **SECTION 102.** 7.15 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 7.15 (11) TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Each municipal clerk shall assist the  
18 board in the training of train election officials under ss. ~~5.05 (7)~~ and ss. 7.31 and  
19 7.315.

20 **SECTION 103.** 7.23 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 7.23 (1) (a) ~~Any~~ Except as provided in par. (am), unused materials after an  
22 election and the contents of the blank ballot box after a primary may be destroyed  
23 at a time and in a manner designated by the appropriate clerk.

24 **SECTION 104.** 7.23 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

1           7.23 (1) (am) Unused ballots may be discarded or destroyed no earlier than the  
2           day after the ~~last~~<sup>latest</sup> day for the filing of a petition for a recount under s. 9.01 for any  
3           office on the ballots.

4           **SECTION 105.** 7.30 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 7.30 (1) (a) and amended  
5           to read:

6           7.30 (1) (a) There Except as authorized under par. (b), there shall be 7  
7           inspectors for each polling place at each election. ~~In~~ Except as authorized in par. (b),  
8           in municipalities where voting machines are used, the municipal governing body  
9           may reduce the number of inspectors to 5. A municipal governing body may provide  
10          for the appointment of additional inspectors whenever more than one voting  
11          machine is used or wards are combined under s. 5.15 (6) (b). A municipal governing  
12          body may provide by ordinance for the selection of alternate officials or the selection  
13          of 2 or more sets of officials to work at different times on election day, and may permit  
14          the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners to establish different working  
15          hours for different officials assigned to the same polling place. Alternate officials  
16          shall also be appointed in a number sufficient to maintain adequate staffing of  
17          polling places. ~~Unless~~ Except for inspectors who are appointed under par. (b) and  
18          officials who are are appointed without regard to party affiliation under sub. (4) (c),  
19          additional officials shall be appointed in such a manner that the total number of  
20          officials is an odd number and the predominant party under sub. (2) is represented  
21          by one more official than the other party.

22          **SECTION 106.** 7.30 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

23          7.30 (1) (b) Each municipality may appoint one additional inspector to serve  
24          at each polling place without regard to party affiliation who shall serve as a greeter  
25          to answer questions and to direct electors to the proper locations for registration and

1 voting and who shall be available to substitute for other election officials who must  
2 leave the room during the voting process.

3 **SECTION 107.** 7.30 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act 27,  
4 is amended to read:

5 7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section or s. 6.875 may  
6 conduct an election. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in s. 7.15  
7 (1) (k), each election official shall be a qualified elector of the ward or wards, or the  
8 election district, for which the polling place is established. A special registration  
9 deputy who is appointed under s. 6.55 (6) or an election official who is appointed  
10 under this section to fill a vacancy under par. (b) need not be a resident of the ward  
11 or wards, or the election district, but shall be a resident of the municipality, except  
12 that if a municipal clerk or deputy clerk serves as a registration deputy or is  
13 appointed to fill a vacancy under par. (b), the clerk or deputy clerk need not be a  
14 resident of the municipality, but shall be a resident of the state. No more than 2  
15 individuals holding the office of clerk or deputy clerk may serve without regard to  
16 municipal residency in any municipality at any election. Special registration  
17 deputies who are appointed under s. 6.55 (6) may be appointed to serve more than  
18 one polling place. All officials appointed under this section shall be able to read and  
19 write the English language, be capable, and be of good understanding, and may not  
20 be a candidate for any office to be voted for at an election at which they serve. In 1st  
21 class cities, they may hold no public office other than notary public. Except as  
22 authorized under ~~sub.~~ subs. (1) (b) and (4) (c), all inspectors shall be affiliated with  
23 one of the 2 recognized political parties which received the largest number of votes  
24 for president, or governor in nonpresidential general election years, in the ward or  
25 combination of wards served by the polling place at the last election. ~~The~~ Excluding

1 the inspector who may be appointed under sub. (1) (b), the party which received the  
2 largest number of votes is entitled to one more inspector than the party receiving the  
3 next largest number of votes at each polling place. ~~The same election~~ Election  
4 officials appointed under this section may serve the electors of more than one ward  
5 where wards are combined under s. 5.15 (6) (b). If a municipality is not divided into  
6 wards, the ward requirements in this paragraph apply to the municipality at large.

7 **SECTION 108.** 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 7.30 (2) (am) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a pupil who is  
9 16 or 17 years of age, and who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school,  
10 and who has at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent may serve as an  
11 inspector at the polling place serving the pupil's residence, with the approval of the  
12 pupil's parent or guardian and of the principal of the school in which the pupil is  
13 enrolled. A school board or governing body of a private school may establish criteria  
14 for participation by a pupil as an inspector. A pupil may serve as an inspector at a  
15 polling place under this paragraph only if at least one election official at the polling  
16 place other than the chief inspector is a qualified elector of this state. No pupil may  
17 serve as chief inspector at a polling place under this paragraph. Before appointment  
18 by any municipality of a pupil as an inspector under this paragraph, the municipal  
19 clerk shall obtain written authorization from the pupil's parent or guardian and from  
20 the principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled for the pupil to serve for the  
21 ~~entire term~~ election for which he or she is appointed. Upon appointment of a pupil  
22 to serve as an inspector, the municipal clerk shall notify the principal of the school  
23 where the pupil is enrolled of the ~~date of expiration of the pupil's term of office~~ the  
24 name of the pupil and the election at which the pupil has been appointed to serve.